

Most Benevolent MPs Giving \$\$\$ to Anti-Choice Groups

Human Rights Wall of Shame 2010-2017



Under the Canada Summer Jobs program, individual MPs can gift organizations in their constituencies with cash grants.

The following MPs lavished anti-choice groups with money from 2010 to 2017.

MP	Riding	Amount
Robert Goguen, CPC	Moncton - Riverview - Dieppe	\$205.2 K
Devinder Shory, CPC	Calgary Northeast	\$81.5 K
Brian Murphy, LP	Moncton - Riverview - Dieppe	\$72.5 K
Iqra Khalid*, LP	Mississauga - Erin Mills	\$61.7 K
Cheryl Gallant*, CPC	Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke	\$57.4 K
Diane Finley*, CPC	Haldimand - Norfolk	\$55.3 K
Frank Valeriote, LP	Guelph	\$52.2 K
Stella Ambler, CPC	Mississauga South	\$50.6 K
Joan Crockatt, CPC	Calgary Centre	\$37.2 K
Bob Saroya*, CPC	Markham-Unionville	\$36.1 K

* These MPs have the dishonour of also being featured on our Human Rights Wall of Shame for the Most Benevolent MPs since the October 2015 election.

What happened with the Canada Summer Jobs program?

In April 2017, the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada reported that many anti-choice groups had been getting federal government funding to hire summer students under the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program – about \$1.7 million since 2010! (Here's the list with amounts and years: <https://goo.gl/4C1ZsC>)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Employment Minister Patty Hajdu quickly announced that Liberal ridings would no longer award CSJ funding to anti-choice groups, and that the government would look at ways to permanently change the program to prevent any MP from allocating public funds to anti-choice groups.

In December, an attestation requirement was announced, requiring eligible CSJ applicants to tick a box attesting that their core mandate activity and the summer job activity itself would respect Charter rights and associated human rights, including reproductive and LGBT rights. "Respect" means to not work to actively undermine those rights – it does not mean support for them.